

# Arab upheavals will stiffen Israelis

From our Correspondent  
Jerusalem

When Mr Joseph Sisco, the American Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, comes here next week, the Israelis will point to Monday's coup in the Sudan as yet one more example of Arab instability. Morocco and Jordan are other instances.

This, it will be affirmed, makes it impossible for Israel to let her security rest on the proclaimed good nature of any Arab Government.

Israel will make it the main burden of her response to American advice that she should accept at face value President Sadat's willingness to live at peace with her.

Our United Nations correspondent cables: America has persuaded Jordan to postpone her request for a Security Council meeting on Jerusalem until after next week's visit by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Joseph Sisco, to Israel. Council members have revealed.

In Jerusalem's expert assessment, the Arab world is again launched upon a period of collective disarray in which—in the words of one Foreign Ministry source—"it is more than one can realistically expect to ask us to put our security in their hands."

This, coupled with the fact that

Sudan's semi-Communist régime is likely to further open the door to Soviet expansion in the region, will spur Israel's demands for a firm American commitment to continuing military supplies, particularly of Phantom aircraft.

There is a general air of optimism that the United States has agreed in principle that Israel should receive more aircraft. What is unclear is whether Washington is yet ready to tell Israel how many aircraft she can expect and their rate of delivery.



Miss Israel 1971, Esther Orgad, who has arrived in Miami, Florida, to take part in the Miss Universe contest. Blonde, green-eyed Miss Orgad comes from Eilat, Israel's Red Sea port.

## Mercy for terrorists

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nowhere to escape except across the river.

Two theories are being put forward here to explain why King Hussein pushed his anti-terrorist

offensive to the point of being condemned by all Arab countries—although not one has attempted to intervene to help the terrorists.

One theory is that Hussein was determined to end once and for all the repeated threats by terrorist groups to overthrow his régime.

The second is that he wanted to allow the Israelis and the world at large that he could control the terrorists, thus establishing his

## Bonn pledges special ties with Jerusalem

From our Correspondent

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## Arms threat as Sisco opens talks

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Five "tourists" to Israel in the dock at a Lydda military court this week during their trial on charges of smuggling explosives into Israel with intent to commit sabotage. The three girls (right) Nadia and Marlene Bardati, who are sisters, and Evelyne Burj (left) were found guilty. The trial of Mr and Mrs Horace Buchbinder, the other defendants (not shown), was continuing yesterday (Thursday). Report on Israel back page

From GEOFFREY D. PAUL—Jerusalem

Israel's Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, has warned that a shift of power may shift in favour of the Arabs if they continue to receive additional aircraft and Israel does not.

Altogether on Tuesday 21,000 Israelis were far from reason or another reason that he could neither receive nor deny press reports some of them carrying nuclear

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

## Soviet Jews sent to notorious camp

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

All 18 Soviet Jews convicted in Leungersd in May and in Kishinev in June, as well as two of the four convicted in Riga in May, have been moved to the notorious Patna labour camp in Mordovia.

Patna is some 280 miles south-east of Moscow, is where the Soviet-Jewish writer, Yuli Daniel was imprisoned. Conditions there, always very hard, have deteriorated still further during the past five years.

The food rations for inmates are now so meagre as to endanger the physical health of the inmates, and the harshness inflicted on them pose a hazard to their mental well-being.

Miss Ruth Alexandrovich, the 23-year-old nurse sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment in the Riga trial, is one of the two convicted at the trial who have been sent to Patna. She is thought to be the youngest political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

Another Jewish woman serving a labour camp sentence, Mrs Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Odessa librarian, gaoted for two years at the beginning of this month, is in bad shape.

Her left hand is partially paralysed and her general health is poor. She is now in solitary confinement for five days for protesting at the squalid, flea-infested cell in which she was first confined.

Mrs Palatnik's appeal against her sentence is due to be heard on Thursday.

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# Beth Din under fire from US leaders

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Criticism of the Beth Din's continued opposition to a merger between the London Board for Shechita and the Kashrus Commission was voiced this week by two hon. officers of the United Synagogue, Mr George Gee and Mr Victor Lucas.

Speaking at a meeting of the commission in London Mr Lucas declared that the Beth Din's refusal to allow a merger could be taken as a slur on the Chief Rabbi. This was because the Chief Rabbi and, under him, the Beth Din—as well as the Hechern and the Rev. Rashi—were the shechita board's ecclesiastical authorities.

"I cannot believe," he added, "that the Beth Din would not accept the Chief Rabbi's authority."

Mr Gee, a treasurer of the US, spoke of "communal wastage." He would not be a member of any body which sat on the fence, he said.

"I hope your efforts for this logical and rational move towards a merger will be pursued most vigorously," he declared. "Very few members of the commission can accept this situation. It is of national concern."

The commission's president, Mr Jock Climo, repudiated that in recent talks with the Beth Din the document had told him that unless they were assured their authority would remain paramount and supreme they could not conscientiously agree to a merger.

Critics of "shame" greeted Mr Climo's assertion that, while there were few people who did not favour a merger, there was nothing the commission could do in view of the Beth Din's decision. "The Beth Din is the commission's supreme authority. While I do not agree with its decision we are not prepared to stand up and fight against it."

Both Mr Gee and Mr Lucas objected to Mr Climo's contention that the majority of US hon. officers were against a merger. The matter had not even been discussed by the hon. officers, they said.

Mr Nat Levy stated that if the Commission and the Board were not prepared to do anything more regarding a merger, a third party—the United Synagogue—should be asked to approach the Beth Din.

Mr S. Klein said that he had heard that the shechita board in-



Mr Silverman (left) and Mr Shuster during their visit to London

## Move to ban UK arms for Libyans

By REG ROBINSON  
our Parliamentary Correspondent

Opinion is hardening in Parliament on the supply of British arms to Libya following the forced downing of a BOAC airliner and the removal of Colonel Gaddafi's Nur and Major Farouk Hammudah, of the Sudan.

The Government have already been warned that any arms supplied to Libya would probably be put at the disposal of Egypt and cause greater tension with Israel.

The aircraft incident is now being used to reinforce the plea that the unstable Libyan regime should be denied arms from Britain. Libya has been particularly anxious to buy Chieftain tanks.

When Mr. Joseph Goldfarb, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, made a statement in the Commons on the abduction of the two Sudanese, Mr. Philip Goodwin (Con., Beckenham) took the opportunity of referring to the presence in Britain of a Libyan arms purchasing mission.

"Many of us think it would be quite wrong to sell any arms at the moment to a Government which behaves in such an irresponsible fashion."

Mr Goldfarb replied: "A matter of this kind will certainly be affected if we do not get satisfaction on this issue."

## Tourists expelled for 'anti-Soviet acts'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Two American Jewish tourists were ordered out of the Soviet Union apparently because they took an interest in their Soviet co-religionists. They told their story to the JC last week as they passed through London on their way home.

Mr Irving Silverman, a New York publisher, and Mr Leonard Shuster, a businessman from Philadelphia, were members of an

Intourist party which intended to visit the "six magnificent cities"—Moscow, Tiflis, Odessa, Yalta, Kiev and Leningrad. Only two of the party of ten were non-Jews.

But Mr Silverman and Mr Shuster visited only five of the Soviet cities. Just before they were due to be taken on the last leg of their journey to Leningrad, a tourist official in Kiev read out a statement which concluded with a decision of the central committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party ordering them to leave Russia within 24 hours.

Their wives were given the option of completing the tour but they chose to accompany their husbands on their immediate flight to London.

It was on the evening of July 10 that the American party were ordered to assemble in a room on the tenth floor of their Kiev hotel where several officials and two photographers were waiting for them and the statement was read out.

Although the Americans were assured that no pictures would be taken, the photographers went to work.

The statement said officials of the synagogue in Kiev had complained to the local authorities that during service Mr Shuster and Mr Silverman distributed

prayer books and other printed material "which could only be described as anti-Soviet." For this and similar "anti-Soviet acts" committed elsewhere they had to leave Russia within 24 hours.

Mr Shuster and Mr Silverman denied the charges and demanded to meet the people who were said to have lodged the complaints.

But this was refused. They were allowed, however, to make statements, which were translated in part from English to Russian.

Both strongly protested against the accusation that they had gone to Russia to conduct anti-Soviet activities. Mr Silverman said that before his arrival he had actually made efforts to supply the appropriate Soviet institutions, free of charge, with some of his publications on taxities, but he had never received a reply.

Mr Shuster stated: "We were told that we had been distributing literature in the synagogues in Odessa and Yalta. This was nonsense, as there is no synagogue in Odessa and the one in Yalta was closed."

Neither Mr Shuster nor Mr Silverman had any clear idea why they were picked for deportation,

although they had shown greater interest in Soviet Jews than the other members of their tour.

It may have been that, as they were due to arrive in Leningrad on the day the appeal of Jawa

convicted in the hijacking case

was due to be heard, the Soviet

authorities did not wish to have

inquisitive Jewish visitors in the city at that particular moment.

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In view of this, Mr Marmorstein

said, the college was particularly

looking forward to the findings of

the United Synagogue's committee

of inquiry into the working con-

ditions, status and salaries of its

ministers.

In conjunction with the Jewish

Agency's Torah department, Jewish

College is planning to start a

sixth-form course for girls in Sep-

tember at the new Sir Israel and

Lady Brodsky hall of residence.

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# Major synagogue plan for Leeds

From our Correspondent

A synagogue is at last "more than likely" to be built in the heavily Jewish-populated Alwoodley area of Leeds. This development follows a series of meetings between the honorary officers of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council and the presidents of every Orthodox synagogue in the city.

At stake is the future of the four and a half acres of land in Nursey Lane donated to the community by the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

Although no final decision has been taken, Mr Harry Brown, president of the Representative Council, indicated to your correspondent that one and a half acres would be used for a synagogue, provided planning permission was granted. He did not say what the remaining three acres would be used for.

One of the results of the present discussions, Mr Brown stated, was agreement among the synagogue presidents to form a Leeds Council of Orthodox Synagogues. Expressing enthusiasm for the decision, he said that it would "make matters a lot easier" when discussing topics of common concern to all the congregations.

The council would be responsible for determining the size and other features of the proposed synagogue, said Mr Brown. The major synagogues had now definitely indicated that they wanted to amalgamate and there was "every hope of complete harmony" and the completion of the Street Lane Gardens project.

## Off to Israel

Twenty-four young people left Portsmouth last week for a three-week visit to Haifa, Portsmouth's twin city in Israel. They were given a civic send-off by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs D. A. Darby.

The young people, including non-Jews, will be staying with Israeli families and will visit Jerusalem, Nazareth and Galilee. They will also be guests of the Israeli Navy.

Group leaders are Miss M. Robins, Miss V. Lubin and Mr J. Obrart.



Mrs Michael Fidler, wife of the president of the Board of Deputies, with pupils of the King David Primary School, Birmingham, at the school's open day and prize distribution last week

## German medal for woman

Mrs Ilse Joseph, of Hesswall, Wirral, received the Officers' Cross of the West German Order of Merit in Liverpool last week from the German consul, Mr Cueli Fries.

The award was made in recognition of her efforts to reconcile and promote friendly relations between Jews and Germans.

Mrs Joseph, who is 71, lost her two children in a central camp during the last war. She returns to Germany each year to give violin recitals. In the hope, she said, that she could help people to forget the past.

## Shechita board 'incompetent'

From our Correspondent

A vote of no confidence in the Manchester Shechita Board for "incompetence and neglect" was called for by a rabbi at last week's meeting of the board.

Rabbi Abraham Jaffe alleged that a shochet who left the board two months ago had done so because he was not satisfied with

the kashrut standards and that one of the board's shochetim had advised him to go to the Machzikei HaBass, "where the standard of kashrut was higher."

As tempers became heated the president, Mr Jack Lopian, adjourned the meeting for five minutes after accusing Rabbi Jaffe of making "slanderous statements." "I expect a higher standard from a member of the Lubavitch," he declared.

When Rabbi Jaffe called for a vote of no confidence in the board Mr Lopian pointed out that this would require 25 signatures.

Rabbi Jaffe countered that he was "only slightly short" of that figure.

## £52,000 for JNF

The Liverpool JNF Commission raised a record £52,000 in the year ended June 30 last.

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## Prayer-room dedicated

From our Correspondent

The new ohel (prayer-room) at the burial ground of the Stoke-on-Trent Hebrew Congregation was consecrated last week by the Rev S. Olsheng, of Manchester. Mr S. Taylor, the president, thanked Mr Olsheng for his willingness to assist the congregation whenever necessary.

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## Society head becomes principal

From our Correspondent

Rabbi Maurice Young, director of the Society for the Promotion of Jewish Learning in London, who is due to disband this month, has been appointed principal of the Jewish High School for Girls in Salford.

Liverpool-born Rabbi Young takes the place of Rabbi Gabe Krausz who, as announced last week, has decided to concentrate on the Manchester Beth Din in preference to becoming principal of the school.

In a statement to the "J", the school announced that it had agreed to release Rabbi Krausz from his undertaking to become principal because the Beth Din wished to retain his services.

"Conscious of the necessity of putting the needs of the community before those of the

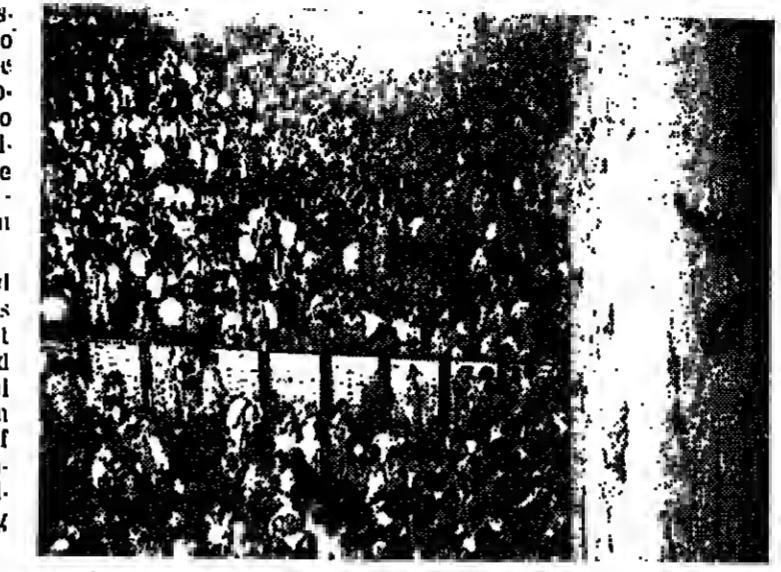
TISHA B'AV

For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

—Jeremiah 31, 12

# Focus

## Black fast turned white



Israelis and tourists join in mixed mourning and festivities at the Western Wall

## PROFILE

### Liberal Chasid



The Gerald KAUFMAN COLUMN

There is talk of the London Jewish Male Voice Choir going to Russia, and the governors feel they had no alternative and, with regret, have acceded to the request."

Rabbi Young, aged 35, grand semicha from Liverpool Yeshiva and is a graduate of London University.

More Home News on page 13

informs me that the Soviet Union is overflowing with synagogues. So there should be no trouble in booking suitable auditoria.

I suggest that the cover of the concert programme should be tastefully embellished with a Shield of David. This need not necessarily be printed in yellow.

I suggest that each of the choir's concerts should open with Hallelujah, and should end with Koach v'lavan (Blue and White). These are good Jewish tunes, which deserve to be more widely propagated among the mashelev Russian people.

Mr Hochhauser believes that the enhancement of international understanding may flow from such an artistic odyssey. I agree with him.

Mr Hochhauser says that "there are no reasonable grounds why the visit of the choir of this calibre should not take place." He also believes that the tour, if it comes off, would be "a very nice idea."

I have some very nice ideas about how this tour could indeed contribute to international understanding. I hope that Mr Hochhauser will accept them in the spirit in which they are put forward.

I suggest, first of all, that the tour should take place at Passover time. This would give the members of the choir the chance to fill any spare hours in their luggage with matzot, to distribute to that tiny handful of Russian Jews who are still foolish enough to indulge in the deviation of "national exclusiveness."

I suggest that Mr Hochhauser stipulates that all the choir's concerts should take place in synagogues. A decent pamphlet published by the Russian Government would also be very nice.

stantially Reform but with an atmosphere all its own.

He regards it as a shul, among temples, larger than most shukim, and certainly more ornate. But it is cohesive and compact (with under 100 families) and he believes he can assimilate to it the warmth, enthusiasm, and sense of tradition normally associated only with ultra-Orthodox establishments.

And there we have another side to this many-sided man. He is Liberal Chasid.

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ceded since the destruction have any religious significance at all, they immeasurably transcend all the Seifrat and three-week mourning customs as well as the halachic fasts, excepting, of course, Tisha b'Av itself," they say.

It was the former Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Rabbi Shlomo Goren (now Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv), who first reworded the Tisha b'Av prayer of Nehem. It reads:

"Comfort O Lord... the mourners of Zion and the mourners of Jerusalem, the city that is joyful and exultant, that is no longer despised, no longer despised, but honoured, with her sons having returned to redeem her, as this woman who has given birth and her sons have expelled the legions and Thy people Israel have possessed her."

"Thee we lift Zion pray with a voice of joy and be exultant and Jeusalem give forth a voice of thanksgiving and song. O my heart, my heart, how it grieves for the slain of the army of Israel who fell in the liberation of the city! Far then O Lord willst enrage her with fire and with fire dost build her... ."

But this does not mean that there have been no voices insisting that the change in atmosphere and historical situation should find legitimate formal expression. Tisha b'Av is the climax of a mourning period that was extended and intensified down the centuries under the impact of persecution and catastrophe.

It is this extension of mourning that have come in for the most criticism. Rabbi Mordechai Leiden, a leading Jerusalem rabbi, scholar, and Zuriel Adamant, a prominent religious kibbutz thinker, have both gone on record as saying that they have no duty to mourn for the breaching of the wall of Jerusalem by the Israeli Army in 1967.

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## book reviews

## The roots of Nazism

ERNEST HEARST

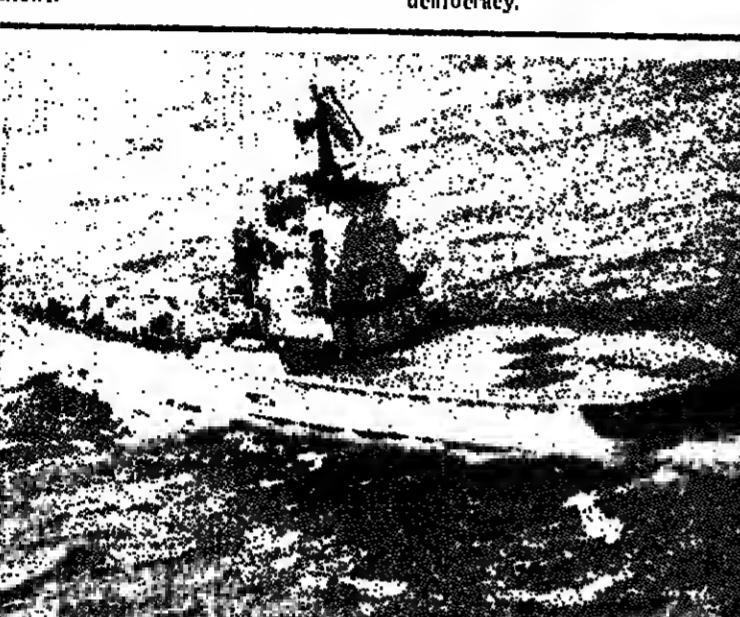
THE GERMAN DICTATORSHIP. By Karl Dieirich Brecher. Weidenfeld and Nicolson. £8.

For the over forty-five the rise of Hitler and the almost irresistible advance of his tyranny remains an unhealing wound in their consciousness. How could it happen? Can it happen again? These questions obsess, guide and possibly misguide their thinking.

The quest to explain the inexplicable has produced a number of theories which, taking a total view of history like the Nazi phenomenon itself, offer all-embracing answers. To the Marxist, Nazism merely represents the last-ditch defence of moribund capitalism; to the Conservative it confirms that congenital crudities of the "German national character"; while others regard it as a manifestation of our dehumanised, industrial society.

It is the convincingly argued contention of Professor Brecher that none of these explanations is in itself more than a facet of a truth compounded of all of them, as well as other political and personal complexities. The advent of Hitler was neither preordained by the logic of history nor implicit in the peculiarities of the German mind.

Admittedly a deep-rooted German attachment to autocratic rule, to the *Obreitkellstahl*, of which Thomas Mann could still say in 1918: "It is and will remain the form of government suited to, deserved, and basically liked by the German people," eased the führer's way to power. And so did antisemitism, "the core, probably the only 'genuine' fanatically held and realised conviction of his entire life."



The Soviet helicopter carrier *Moskva* which spends much of its time in the Mediterranean. From "Russia Looks in the Sea," a study of the expansion of Soviet maritime power by David Fairhall, to be published by Andre Deutsch (£3.95) on August 19

## In the theatre

CHARLES LANDSTONE

KAFKA AND THE YIDDISH THEATER. By Evelyn Tolton Beck. University of Wisconsin Press. \$12.50.  
THE DRAMATIC WORLD OF HAROLD PINTER. By Katherine H. Gurkman. Ohio State University Press. \$6.

One of the earliest of detective novels, written in Victorian days, was "The Moonstone," and the popularity of this tale by Wilkie Collins persisted for well over half a century after it first appeared. In this book, as I remember, was a comedy butler whose wife was "Robinson Crusoe," and whatever happened he would always find a passage in his favourite work which had foretold the event which had just taken place.

I am reminded of this character by the efforts of Evelyn Tolton Beck to prove the impact of the Yiddish Theatre on the work of Franz Kafka. The most trivial incidents and sentences are highlighted and portentous comparisons are drawn with contemporary Yiddish Theatre plays in order to demonstrate their effect on Kafka's writings. The main weight is placed on the accepted fact that for about 10 months before Kafka's breakthrough as a writer in 1912 at the

age of 28 he was a frequent visitor to the Yiddish Theatre in Prague, although his upbringing, in accordance with the time, had been that of a non-Orthodox Central European, who was more German than Jewish.

Miss Beck goes to great length to try to trace the Yiddish Theatre influence on Kafka's story "The Judgement" (in which, incidentally, the word Jew is never mentioned), but the evidence to my mind is most fragile and the theory is far fetched. This work is a lavishly printed example of indiscriminate American scholastic patronage.

Another such example is the printed work. Much as I admire Harold Pinter (and I do admire him sincerely) I feel that it is far too early in his career to submit his work to a detailed scholastic analysis. No doubt both these books slanted life as university theses, such as they should have remained.

American Jewish Yearbook 1970, edited by Morris Fine and Milton Eisenberg (American Jewish Committee, \$10). This is Volume 21 of the American Jewish reference work of the kind. It contains, in addition to a statistical survey of the Jewish population in the principal cities outside the USA and a more detailed breakdown within, all lists of Jewish institutions and periodicals in America and offers reports on general and Jewish life all over the world.

The report on Britain was written by the noted historian Lionel Kochan, of Warwick University. Among the important articles is one by Charles Leibman who contributes a comprehensive study of the Reconstruction movement and another by Arnold Schwartz on intermarriage in which it is estimated that one in ten Jews marry out.

## MISCELLANY

Judaism and the Early Christian Mind, by Robert L. Wilken (Yale University, £3.95). An analysis of the theological writings of Cyril, patrology, Alexander, who lived in the fifth century, and Tatian, including the legend battle against Judah. The author's thesis is that much of early Christian thought was shaped by the need to refute the Jews and to convert Judaisers within the church.

How to Live in the Present Time, by Haim Karmiel (W. H. Allen & Sons, £2.25). A modern guide to those perplexed by the complexities of twentieth-century existence. All American rabbis reaffirm his faith in the love of God and the goodness of man.

ENTERTAINMENTS—continued from previous page

## THEATRE

## Revolts—hard &amp; soft

DAVID NATHAN

The surface slogan of Maxi Gorky's *Enemies*, given a meticulous production by the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Aldwych Theatre, could be "Long Live the Revolution!" The ironic sub-text, unknown to Gorky, unperceived by the Russian authorities for whom the play is now an established classic, is "Long Live the Secret Police!"

For this is an account of the events leading to the Russian revolution, an impassioned eloquent denunciation of the exploitation of the workers and the feudal superfluous complex of the masters supported in their privileges by Tsarist instruments of oppression, not least of which is the secret police.

Writing in 1908, Gorky did not have access to the truth that, whatever the régime, no secret policeman is ever unemployed for long.

The play is undoubtedly a work of propaganda but Gorky was too good a writer, the Royal Shakespeare players too proud a company and David Jones too perceptive a director to leave it flat.

It is, as Wellington said in a different context, a damn close-run thing, but whenever the workers threaten to get too noisy, a trace of doohi creeps in, and the bosses who, on the whole deserved every bullet they got, are human enough for their dilemma to be of some concern.

With the exception of the factory owner who gets shot in the course of the play, they are seen more as victims than villains of the system they have inherited.

Very fine performances come from all the company, but notably from John Wood as an alcoholic member of the gentry who foresees the collapse of the old order;

from Clara Keselsohn as the vengefully implacable widow of the shot man; from Philip Locke as a distraught and panicky he reneges on his liberal principles; from Helen Mirren as a laughorous actress and Mary Rutherford as a girl impregnated by the workers' cause.

The part is not without its clichés but Lucy Tandy with many on *op gecallt* is a picture of desperately comic resignation as he sees his contracted state get involved in a child molestation case.

As the star (Ed Bishop) is the former lover of the girl's mother (Janet Munro) and a friend of her father's (Gerald Flood) and had no intention of molesting the child, it is a lot of trivial fuss about a non-event.

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## THE WILSON MEMOIRS

## Six-Day War 'caused UK devaluation'

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

America urged Britain to take the lead in diplomatically manoeuvred to avoid a Middle East war in 1967, according to Mr. Wilson, Prime Minister at the time, in his book, "The Government 1964-1970—A Personal Record," published last week. Mr. Wilson indicates that the then President Johnson had concerned about unfavourable public opinion in America and

resistance in the Senate if asked to get more deeply involved in the conflict.

During a meeting in Paris soon after the Six-Day War, President de Gaulle emphasised that as France was "on reasonably good terms" with many Arab States, there was no reason "to ruin its relations with the Arabs, merely because public opinion felt some 'superficial sympathy' [de Gaulle's phrase] for Israel because she was a small country with an unhappy history."

De Gaulle suggested to Mr. Wilson that Britain had no reason to do so either. He pointed out that, while Britain, the USA and the Soviet Union "had created the State of Israel," France had merely "accepted it."

## World war fear

At that time Mr. Wilson found de Gaulle "more depressed than I had ever seen him. He believed that we were nearing a world crisis, that war—world war—could be very near."

In de Gaulle's view, "no one was really in charge of the situation any longer, nor would it be possible until the lessons of the disastrous conflict between Israel and the Arabs had really sunk in."

Mr. Wilson suggested that "a more positive view would be to work for a solution whereby all Arab States would recognise Israel's right to exist and her right



Mr. Wilson and his then Foreign Secretary, Mr. George Brown (left) with the late Mr. Lev Eshkol (centre) during the Israeli Premier's visit to London in January 1968

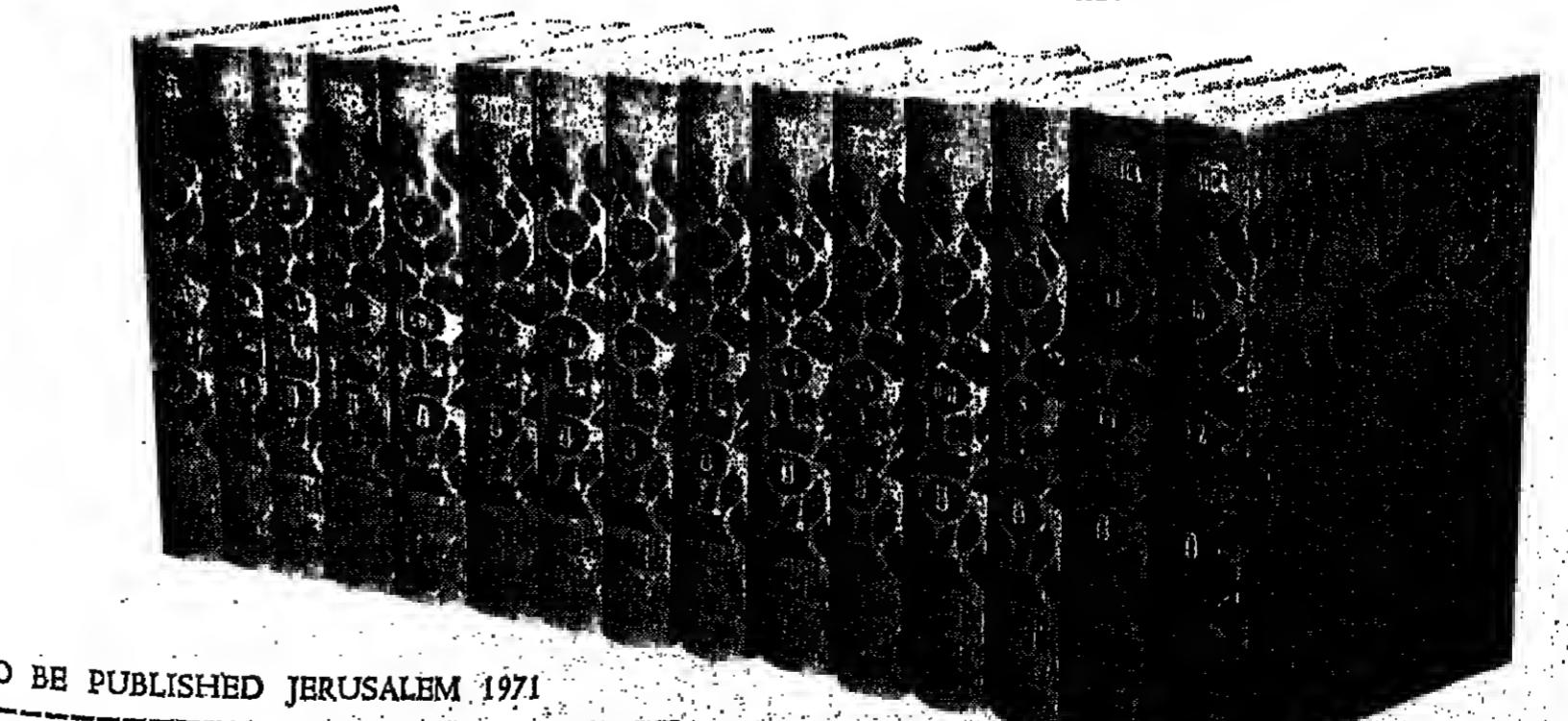
of his meeting with President Nixon in January 1970, Mr. Wilson dismissed the notion that he was "conceding points to the Arabs. Wars we do so, the Arabs and their Soviet friends would simply pocket any concessions which they were offered and, accordingly, raise their starting bid in the negotiations when the final crunch come."

Two notable omissions in Mr. Wilson's almost diary-like recollections of his term as Prime Minister were references to the United Nations Security Council resolution of November 1967, and to the protracted negotiations regarding sales of Chelton tanks to Israel.

The book throws no further light on the authorship of the UN resolution which has recently become a centre of controversial statements by British and American diplomats. On the tank deal, Mr. Wilson mentions only that he had talks with Mr. Yigal Alon, Israel's deputy Prime Minister, and that the subject took up "a great deal of my time and that of the Cabinet defence committee."

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## Religion and politics

EVERY JEWISH community throughout the world has its own religious authorities who are independent—as indeed every rabbi should be. Nevertheless, the centrality of Israel in every field of Jewish life is such that the Israeli Chief Rabbinate and all its works impinge directly and powerfully on Jewish religious attitudes everywhere. Hence the Israeli Chief Rabbinate scandal is a proper subject for comment by an organ of Jewish opinion.

What has been referred to as a scandal is the current political manoeuvring with regard to the Israeli Chief Rabbi by Israel's National Religious Party, which has come to regard the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbinate as its preserve together with the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the Interior Ministry. Other parties have similar interests, more concerned with the perquisites of office than the national interest, in a system which has come to dominate large areas of Israeli public life. This is bad enough in general, but it is even worse when such considerations dominate spiritual life too.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the present Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv and former Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, is the Government's choice for Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. His record with the Army has shown his willingness to be flexible in the interpretation of Jewish law so as to avoid heartbreak cases. Although his Orthodoxy and piety are undoubted, the

### PERSONAL OPINION

AS A RESULT of the upheaval in the Arab world, we are told that Israel cannot possibly last her security on the proclaimed good intentions of any Arab government.

But who suggested that she should do anything of the sort? Who would even suggest that Israel base her security on the good intentions of the American Government?

Even if Israel had her face-to-face meeting with the Arabs, even if they signed a formal, comprehensive peace treaty and even if the treaty was guaranteed by the Great Powers and the United Nations, there would be no assurance that an agreement signed by, say, Sadat, would not be torn up by his successor. Treaties in this part of the world have no force or meaning, and no matter how binding they appeared they would not absolve Israel from the need to keep her forces large, well-equipped and at the ready.

Is not this the moment for Israel to impose her own settlement and create an independent Arab State on the West Bank? This has, of course, been suggested before, but there was hitherto no prospect that any Arab of standing would associate himself with such a scheme, but now with the guerrillas virtually finished and the Arab world in disarray, I believe that Palestinian leaders would welcome it.

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I am glad there have been no demonstrations against the Moscow State Circus, for protest of this sort carried out as a continuing performance begin to look like a circus themselves.

If one goes along Oxford Street these days one will often encounter a chain of doners in seafon, with shaven heads, bearing tambourines, singing some

## Jordan's plight

The closing of their borders with Jordan by Syria and Iraq is a body blow to the tottering Jordanian economy. No trade route runs from Jordan to Saudi Arabia, and the country's sole outlet is now the small port of Akaba on the Red Sea. With the Suez Canal blocked, this means that most of Jordan's trade would need to be diverted round the Cape of Good Hope if the Syrian and Iraqi borders remain closed. The bankruptcy of a State which is heavily dependent on economic aid from the West will be certain, if this situation persists.

Israel is under no obligation to Jordan, although King Hussein's draconian measures against the Palestinian Arab terrorists have eased the situation on the Israeli-Jordanian frontier. Jordan's Arab Legion attacked Jewish Jerusalem both in 1948 and 1967, and for the past 20 years terrorist attacks on Israel have been mounted from Jordanian territory. This has been a major factor in Israel's preoccupation with her own security. Yet it could well be that Israel would be well advised to indicate readiness to help Jordan in her present plight. The policy of "open frontiers" could be carried a stage further, and facilities made available for a corridor to Haifa or Acre for the passage of goods to and from Jordan. Such an offer, made in good faith, discreetly and without any conditions being attached to it, would be a useful reminder of Israel's deep desire to be allowed to live in peace with her neighbours.

## Biased commission

Israel's critics are once more trying to put her "in the dock" for alleged failure to co-operate with the three-nation commission appointed by the United Nations to investigate accusations of violations committed in the occupied territories. There are three things to be said on this subject. In the first place, the choice

of members for the commission was such that it can hardly be expected to produce an unbiased and objective report. One member is Somalia, which is violently anti-Israel; the two others, Ceylon and Yugoslavia, have a strong pro-Arab bias.

In the second place, the United Nations has not appointed a similar commission to investigate the much better-founded complaints of atrocities committed against Jews living in Arab countries. Finally, it is a singular but undeniable fact that numbers of Palestinian Arab terrorists have in the past two weeks been seeking refuge in Israel from King Hussein's Bedouin troops. The terrorists preferred Israel to neighbouring Arab countries, knowing full well where they could expect fair treatment. This is by no means as surprising as it might seem at first sight. Lynch-ley in the Sudan is a pointer to Arab justice, whereas an Arab who had just bombed and slaughtered innocent citizens in Israeli-occupied Gaza was sentenced to no more than imprisonment—admittedly, but justly, for life.

## Today's Maccabees

An Israeli football team is coming here next week to play two matches. Though not officially a representative team it is bound, by the nature of things, to be regarded as such by many Jews and Gentiles alike. Its representative character will be enhanced by the name Maccabee which, though now used by a sporting organisation, after all began as the watchword of a great national religious revolt. These latter-day Maccabees are to play two matches on Friday evening during the hours of the Sabbath. True, this is the custom in Israel, but Israelis travelling abroad ought to consider the susceptibilities of local Jewish communities and there is no doubt that this Sabbath desecration by an Israeli team will give offence to large numbers of Jews in this country. It is late for the timing to be reconsidered in order that a sporting event can be freed from unhappy religious overtones!

L. E. LIPMAN,  
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### ASK THE RABBI

regarded opposition not as a sin against himself but against his Maker. Thus when after nearly 30 years in Upper Berkeley Street he found himself in disagreement with his honorary officers he cut them off from his spiritual inheritance and moved with his more devoted disciples to the new Canaan in Knightsbridge.

Has anyone been able to watch Bernard Kops' new television series "Alexander the Great" without rushing from the room with one hand to the stomach and the other to the mouth?

The series purports to be about a Jewish family in Hendon but there is nothing Jewish about the situation. There appears to be a striving for what is considered to be a Jewish effect in the girthiness of the setting, loud voices and manic gesticulations and occasional cracks about income-tax inspectors.

If one wants to draw a picture of Jewish life one may approach it at several levels, say, a sort of "Coronation Street" or as caricature on the lines of "Till Death Do Us Part" or even as wild satire—say "Monty Python and His Flying Circus."

Kops seems to attempt all three and falls on them all. The characters and situations bear no relation to anything which could conceivably be called life. The humour is arch where it isn't amut, and Sidney Taffler and Libby Morris, who are burdened with the leading roles, play their part as if it is the end of their tether—as well they might be.

Every writer goes through a tub patch and Bernard Kops has written sufficient good stuff to be entitled to his quota of rubbish, but he shouldn't discharge it so recklessly to the face of the public.

BEN AZAI

### ASK THE RABBI

Why is Tisha b'Av classified with Yom Kippur as a minor fast?

It is? In the rabbinic sources Tisha b'Av is not classified with Yom Kippur (which, in legal terminology, is deorito = Biblical) but with the other fasts (which are derabonon = rabbinic). The famous Code known as the Tur, however, remarks (*Orach Chayim* 554): "The prohibition of eating and drinking on Tisha b'Av is the same as on Yom Kippur except that the former carries with it the penalty of *karet* while the latter is blinding by tradition" (divre *Cabotah*—in this context "prophetic teaching" see *Zechariah* 8, 19).

The comparison with Yom Kippur was probably suggested by the fact that Tisha b'Av, unlike the other fasts, begins on the eve of the occasion. A Chasidic teacher once remarked that if he had the power he would abolish all the fasts except Tisha b'Av and Yom Kippur. On Tisha b'Av, he said, who can eat and on Yom Kippur who wants to eat?

In view of the fact that Jerusalem has been rebuilt, should we continue to recite *Lamentations* on Tisha b'Av? Much has been written recently on this question. According to the Talmud, Tisha b'Av is treated especially as a day of great solemnity because on that day several tragic events, including the destruction of both Temples, took place. Thus the recital of *Lamentations* and *kinot* are not prayers for the future but reminders of a bitter past.

Unless we are completely insensitive to the sufferings of the Jewish martyrs should

not be forgotten. Nowadays, in many congregations, Tisha b'Av is made to commemorate especially the holocaust. Furthermore, Tisha b'Av is associated with the Messianic hope and the final redemption. This has not yet come about. The world still knows of wars, hatred and injustice.

Is it voluntary or is it a "must" for a Jewish bride to attend the mikvah before she gets married? Will the minister refuse to marry her if she is blinding by tradition? (divre *Cabotah*—in this context "prophetic teaching" see *Zechariah* 8, 19).

In Israel, so far as I know, the rabbis do insist on a bride attending the mikvah before she gets married. In other communities it depends on the attitude of the officiating rabbi. According to Orthodox law a couple may not live together as man and wife if the wife has not attended the mikvah after she has had her periods, but this does not apply only to the time she gets married.

Ben Ari didn't find a column in Chinny. Which didn't bring him relief. Certainly nothing in my life has been as bad as his own. A curious doctrine it is, I wonder, apply to all Jews may legitimate only in a Jewish context as his own.

The point was well taken by the Christian lady reader of *Campagne* who wrote to me complaining that, though she supposed the Jews had all had a good laugh, "If anyone is to attack pseudo-Christianity, it should be a Christian, not a Jew." Presumably Ben Ari would add that it should be done nowhere but in the Church Times.

Other Christians, I am glad to say, took a larger view and refused to consider my article either illegitimate or offensive. There were even Jews who managed to avoid labelling me an antisemite for loving our Jewish character less admirable than the Boal Shom Tov.

Philip Kleinman

## the sound of Wagner

by "the near fascist" Wagner. Wagner, in his lifetime, was strongly influenced by Beethoven, Mozart and Shakespeare, among others. Are these to be called "fascist" too? Wagner's "fascism" is not a question of opinion. It is a question of blatant historical falsification. Mr Henig goes on to say that Wagner disliked the Jewish people, I would like to know what his proof is of his assertion—what authority he is alluding to.

Then he suggests di-like of Jews is a characteristic of fascism. There may have been some Jews Wagner did not like. There are some Jews I do not like; does this make me a fascist?

Further, Mr Henig said that Hitler "revealed" in Wagner's music. Was this Wagner's fault? So do millions of people today.

The story of Wagner's "Ring" tells of the ultimate doom and destruction that comes of seeking more and more material wealth and power by all means possible, including the most ruthless. It tells of the ultimate folly of pursuing wealth as an end in itself—or as the means to great power. As such, how could Hitler be "revelling" in Wagner's music for the reasons Mr Henig has suggested? Hitler would have been "revelling" in his own destruction.

L. E. LIPMAN.

therefore implies that to be a vegetarian is synonymous with being overcharged for a meal one does not enjoy.

This is about as logical as blaming the Jewish religion because there are some Jews who interpret it incorrectly.

Restaurants, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, are run to make a profit. All restaurants vary as to the value they give to the customer.

I would respectfully suggest that Ben Ari keeps trying vegetarian restaurants (and there are many excellent ones) until he finds one to suit his taste and his pocket.

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## Division on bastardy issue

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### More veg for Ben Azai?

Slr.—Ben Azai (your July 23 issue) had a bad experience in a vegetarian restaurant when he took his family there to lunch. He

was not allowed to act as

the waiter.

First let it be clear that a

manzir (which is not the English

"bastard") is not a social pariah

and bears no stigma of inferiority.

The duty of "Love your neighbour as yourself" applies equally to him, and the rabbis clearly stated

a learned manzir preceles an ignorant high priest" (Talmud

Horloch 13b).

The only restriction on him, i.e.

the manzir, would seem, ac-

cording to the Sefer Hachinuch, to

be bear on analogy to our treatment

of the transmitter of a disease, which (while not affecting the carrier) may bear danger to those who marry him. The Torah's laws of sexual morality cannot be disregarded without spiritual harm as real as physical disease.

In this light I would tentatively suggest that the reason a convert may marry a manzir is that the great spiritual change he has voluntarily achieved in accepting Judaism renders him less prone to the effects of such a marriage.

In conclusion may I say that denigration and strife do not serve any constructive purpose in solving this difficult human problem, which the rabbis are trying to ease in accordance with the well-known dictum: "The ways (of the Torah) are pleasant and all its paths peace."

B. BERKOVITS.

3 Rosecroft Ave., NW3.

#### Witch-hunt alleged

Slr.—With the recent announcement that lists of "bastards" are being circulated by the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs to the marriage registrars, the authorities have cruelly offended against the dignity of man.

To institute such a witch-hunt in the twentieth century can only bring the Jewish religion into disrepute. In their attempt to implement the basic Biblical commandments (Deut. 23 and elsewhere), the antics of the fundamentalists and bigots are in direct conflict with humanity. Dr Wertheimer is branding innocent victims and turning them into lepers of society by his use of outdated and savage laws. This is indeed very sad.

The solution to this outrage is simple. Abolish the Ministry. It serves no useful purpose. A form of civil marriage is long overdue in Israel. Every other State has it.

S. BLACK.

5 Wellington Court,

St. John's Wood, NW8.

for generations Jews have been leaving the mainland of Europe to find new and better life for themselves and their families in this friendly island.

Suddenly, we find ourselves on the brink of reunion with the very society that are or our ancestors were thankful and relieved to have been able to abandon. We risk being compelled to become Europeans again when all that we have wanted to be is British.

It will be a sad and bitter irony for us British Jews if this ever happens.

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## woman's page

## PARIS—a richer mixture

SADIE LEVINE

It should be reassuring that Paris Couture is still clinging to the mast and that fashion is an art as well as a trade.

Though our priorities may preclude the outlay of £500 for a Dior suit apportioning the trend even at C & A can be a morale-boosting shopping exercise.

For Paris still leads, even though in many cases the British wholesalers got there first. Paris would accom to put the seal of approval and worthiness on trends the amateur fry think up.

At the autumn collections there this week there was of course often the sense of *déjà vu*.

Some of the things had been seen at the autumn London shows months ago. Dior's tent coat, Elgee, of London, showed it at the Association of London

Fashion Designers' autumn shows in May.

Some of the things had not been seen for about 20 years. Rustling taffetas and wedding-cake dresses, all tiers and frills.

There were other trends we had despaired of ever seeing again. Stockings, for example. Any one who dreaded for personal reasons the final demise of the stocking in favour of pantyhose will be pleased.

Yves St. Laurent brought back the stocking . . . with seams, to boot! A physical exercise teacher once told me that scented stockings were the great waist-wifters of the '30s. Looking back over your shoulder to see that the seams are straight is an important movement in the exercise chart, isn't it? So roll on, St. Laurent stockings!

Another bonus that might come from the collections is that we will be able to look at old telly films without squirming. Padded shoulders, gored skirts, berets on page-boy hairdos, wide sharp revers, soulful make-up, leg-of-lamb sleeves are all in the Paris trends.

And velvet suits for evenings. Remember the velvet "theatresuits"? St. Laurent's cocktail suits were quite different.

though, the velvet jackets were worn over tartan pleated skirts (for the Highland Fling?).

Marc Bohan, designer for the Christian Dior collection, was, by his own declaration, bent on clothes that were to be classics of their time: "An elegant fashion," he says, "renewing the values and importance of haute couture by combining up-to-dateness and refinement." Which is possibly a clumsy expression of some of the most exquisite clothes of the Paris scene: black velvet evening pants suits, tailored tweed coats narrow at top and grading out in a gentle flare to hem.

Dior's use of fur was spectacular. Wolf, leopard, tiger to line gabardine tricorn coats, to wear as redingotes, and mixed occasionally with Persian lamb capes on top.

No need to worry about length, if you take Paris as your mentor. It's the mixture as before, if a bit richer. Most designers favoured the knee, just hiding the joint, and others, like Louis Feraud, made his skirts thigh-high so that they looked like hol-pants without the gussets and were worn with boots which appeared to be made of plastic and knitting.

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Sketches by Beryl Herland



## TRAVEL

## To Paris, New York by Air France 747

BY DAVID PELA

Indeed of the giant Boeing 747 revolutionised air travel, (cruising speed 580 mph), new and supremely comfortable it is the ideal aircraft for long-distance flying.

A colleague who travelled for us on a Jumbo jet says: "The shipping introduced the slogan 'giant is half the fun.' This emphasises the contrast between the speed but sometimes uncomfortable flights and the advantages of slower and more comfortable sea travel. The flight was smoother than any other I have experienced across the Atlantic and the time was made even shorter by Air

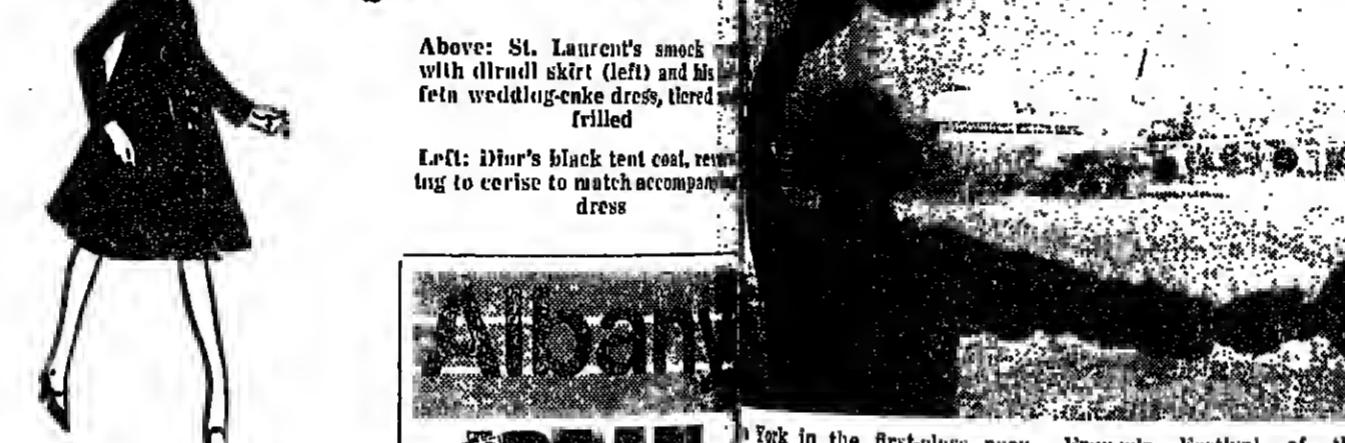
France's Festival of the Air, which includes the showing of a recent film and the selection of several channels of different types of music.

For travellers from London to New York who wish to go to Paris en route for business or pleasure this is the ideal way of making the flight. And travelling on this route there is a saving of about £34 on the normal first-class London-New York fare, between £10 and £11 on the economy rate.

"The New York terminal of Air France is not yet equipped for Jumbos, but in spite of this baggage delivery was extremely

smooth after a transatlantic flight.

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## COOKERY

## Summer soup

EVELYN ROSE

Cold soups are now on the English menu. But to our grandparents, they were part of the summer scene—chilled borscht, enriched with the smetana so carefully skimmed from the soured milk, or schav, with its bitter-sweet flavour. Schav is very hard to find in this country. We used to pick it before the war where now an estate of "seeds" stands. But baby beets are a plentiful supply.

CHILLED BORSCHT

When beets are in season it's worth doubling up on the quantities I give and freezing half; put the unthickened strained juice into plastic containers (leaving a inch headroom for expansion) and freeze. Then it can be made either into meaty borscht (by adding a bouillon cube) or simply enriched with eggs, and served hot with boiled potatoe or cold with soured cream.

Ingredients:

1 small carrot; 1 small onion; 2 bunches of young beets or 2 lbs. raw old beets; 1 quart water; flavouring juice of a large lemon of 1 level teaspoon salt; 2 level tablespoons easier sugar; 2 level teaspoons salt; speck of white pepper;

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QE2 cruises to  
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Americana Holidays, an offshoot of the Wembley Travel Centre, has issued its list of attractive winter fly/cruises. All cruises are in the QE2 and, except for the Christmas Cruise all leave from New York. The inclusive rates incorporate air fare and sea holiday.

The 11-day Christmas Cruise leaves Port Everglades on December 21, but British passengers will fly from London to Miami by National Airlines the weekend previously and spend three days at the Carlton Hotel, Miami Beach, before joining the QE2. Ports of call include St. Thomas, Barbados, Aruba and Nossou. The return flight from Miami arrives in London on January 2. Rates from £308.

Other inclusive QE2 Caribbean fly/cruise holidays offered by Americana incorporate TWA flights to New York on January 18 and 26, February 11 and 25, and March 19 with overnight stays at the Windsor-Astoria Hotel before and after the cruise. Holidays at sea are of 13 or 14 days' duration with many ports of call. Rates from £340.

Reduced Atlantic group fares starting from £20 have been introduced by Cunard for certain sailings by its superliner, QE2, in September, October and November. This represents a 80 per cent cut and is available to affinity groups of 15 or more sailing on September 30, October 14 and 28, and November 7.

Cunard is aiming particularly at social and other groups, students and businessmen. For social groups land-based arrangements can be made for any length of time. Combining a crossing in QE2 one way with a charter flight the other, will provide a couple of days in New York. Cunard believes it can offer a package for about £130 including conferences and courses on board ship.

Farewell trip

Reunions among British residents who have travelled on Norwegian America Line cruises are listed in the entertainment programme for the sailing of the 18,750-ton Bergensfjord from Tilbury on September 21. Ports of call on the 18-day first-class only farewell cruise will be Cadiz, Melaga, Tunes, Messina, Naples, Cagliari and Lisbon. Rates in two-berth accommodation with private facilities are from £200. Fully air-conditioned and stabilised, the Bergensfjord joins the French Line after the farewell cruise. E. H. Mundy are UK agents for Norwegian America Line.

A directory of holiday centres and camps arranged by European Jewish organisations for young people has been issued by the European Council of Jewish Community Services (75 Rue de Lyon, Genova 13).

PHILLIP ROUET, GRADUATE

I used to wake up at night thinking about it when I was a child. But I don't worry about it and I certainly wouldn't join a synagogue just to get buried — I hope to live to 100, anyway!

I think the community spends too much time thinking about the Holocaust and death. I suppose they can't help it since so many have lost relatives and families. But young people have no

Today, Air France Jumbo jets carry 257 passengers in just over eight hours between the two cities. There are two flights a day from Paris to New York, one daily to Montreal and Chicago and five flights a week to Polone à Pôle in the French West Indies.

Five Boeing 747s have been delivered to Air France, and a further six are on order. Each aircraft is divided into five compartments and all, except for one economy class, are equipped with cinema screens.

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MEIR PERSSOFF

the inpage

young event • community • controversy

Is the community death-absorbed? Does the shadow of the Holocaust still haunt us? Are our synagogues filled with seekers of splendid burial rather than spiritual vitality? Do young people find us an obsessively morbid community? GLORIA TESSLER asked four of them for their views.

I think about death a bit. I imagine going into a coffin and spending eternity underground. When I think about that I get very frightened.

I believe in life after death and if I come back in human form I will try to be a better person than I am now and fulfil a lot of the things I wanted to do — like study languages and travelling.

The Holocaust doesn't mean too much to me. I saw 'Judgement at Nuremberg' because I happened to be selling brochures. Certain parts of the film really shocked me.

My mother didn't tell me anything about it. She left Austria when Hitler marched in and escaped to England. I do not think we should deliberately keep the memory alive, but one should not forget it either. I wouldn't wear my children against it.

The community is obsessed with death. I don't know too much about it. If it hadn't been for the Holocaust



UNIVERSITY NEWS

examination results

Universities Correspondent

A Hillel House to serve as a cultural and recreational centre and which will accommodate five or six students will be opened on September 30 (the day after Yom Kippur) and come into service on October 11, the beginning of term at 2 Handel Road, Southampton.

The house has been acquired through the joint efforts of the Southampton Jewish community and the Bournemouth Hillel B'nai B'rith whose president, Mr Greville Pfeiffer, made the scheme his pet project.

Student thanks are also due to Mr Sidney Wointroub, senior lecturer in physics at Southampton (who is chaplain to the local Jewish students), Mr Malcolm Weisman, the national Hillel councillor, and the Southampton Hebrew Congregation which owns the house and whose co-operation, especially from Mr N. Rose, is invaluable.

A fair share of the credit for bringing the venture to fruition must also go to David Seher, of Bournemouth, and Janet Berger and Ian Fagelton, ex-chairman and chairman respectively of the Southampton JS.

The following were also successful in the examination: Godfrey Black, Martin Field, Alan Myers, Jeffrey Zlotkin.

Part I—Howard Lewis, Barry Samuels, Simon Teller.

BIRMINGHAM

BSE Microbiology—Lionel Bender (II, II).

BSC Physics—Mike Steinier (II, II).

LLB—Steve Mendel (II, II); Brian Yamer (II).

BSC Metallurgy—David Cohn (II, II).

ICan Accountancy Economics—Laurence Adelton (II, II).

Pamela Repton has been called to the Bar at Gray's Inn.

Marion Rudler, of University College Hospital, has passed her nursing finals for State registration.

Simon Caplin has passed the examination of the Institute of Textile Technology.

Stuart Davidson has passed the final examinations of the British Optical Association and the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers.

## Awards

Adele London, of Cardiff, has been awarded by Manchester University the Wollers Scholarship and the Keith Millward Prize. She is reading French and psychology.

Vikki Cohen, a pupil at the Liverpool King David High School, has been awarded a senior music scholarship by the Liverpool Education Authority.

Kibbutz—Rabbi A. Levy, of the Jewish Marriage Education Council, addressed the Jewish society on 'Love and Marriage—A Jewish View.' The talk was followed by a discussion.

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	1971 (for year ended March 31st)	1970 (for 18 months ended March 31st)
Group turnover	£2,778,011	£2,275,417
Profit before taxation	865,897	420,921
Net profit attributable to the group after taxation and minority interests	343,631	169,927
Dividends paid and proposed	104,000	101,400
	4p per share	3.9p per share



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- \* Dividend raised from 7% to 8%.
- \* Book value of portfolio now £5,968,755.
- \* Cost of projects in hand about £4,750,000 and increasing profits anticipated.

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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

### Firm undertone after economy boost

By our City Editor

The Chancellor's new line of thought on the economy has hardly brought the foreshadowed upsurge in share price. But there is little doubt that the market's undoubted firm and prices are holding their time before advancing once more.

There are various reasons for believing this, not the least being the steady inflow of capital from the small investors.

In the present situation much attention has been focused on companies likely to benefit from the new economic package, and for that reason shares in the financial sector and consumer durables have been attracted to both the small and large investors.

The financial sector received a purely coincidental booster with the latest round of figures from the "Big Four" houses that again underline their strengths.

Lloyd's reported splendid half-year figures showing profits £4.46 million higher at £26.64 million including a £1.2 million share of profits from the newly merged Bank of London & South America.

For shareholders, disparity remains and not the fine results bring a one point rise to 7 per cent in the interim dividend and a word from the board that this payment does not necessarily indicate an increase on last year's 14 per cent total.

This does not, however, detract from the merits of Lloyd's shares which, at the current level of 815p, look a very interesting holding.

#### Higher profits

News from the Midland Bank is also of higher profits. Compared with the corresponding half-year's £20.5 million, Midland's profits expanded to £21.47 million and the interim dividend is being increased from 7 to 7.4 per cent.

Midland's directors attribute the improvement to a "further expansion of business and continued efforts to increase earnings and contain costs."

The latest figures indicate that this policy is working and therefore there seems no reason why Midland shares, now at 555p should not merit a better rating in the market.

Before taxation NatWest's profits jumped to £38.12 million from £33.76 million and the interim dividend is 1 point higher at 8.1 per cent. The performance reflects the growth in resources and the volume of business which the bank say has more than offset the effects of a lower than average bank rate and higher operating expenses.

It is stressed, however, that the final outcome may to some extent be affected by the Bank of England's proposed composition and credit control. At this stage it is difficult to assess the effect of these proposals until some experience of their operation is gained.

The bank's abilities are also reflected in this showing and it speaks well for the shares. Current price is 815p.

The following are salient points from the circulated statement of Mr. P. L. Eynon, F.C.A. (Chairman):

\* Net profit after tax up by 25% to £365,173.

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\* Office lease bought in at Wingfield House, building to be let after modernisation.

\* 1971 results will approximate to 1970. Together with reversionary and income from current developments, future programme will assure growth through the 1970s.

Again the results endorse the strength of Thorn shares which stand at 4071p to yield 1.5 per cent.

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## BUSINESS AFFAIRS

### Firm undertone after economy boost

By our City Editor

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Land Securities also reveal that Knight, Frank and Riley's property valuation gives a £127.13 million sum at £293.78 million over book values.

The company's standing in property circles is second to none and there still appears room for improvement in the short term. Current price is 187p.

[Prices quoted are those prevailing on Wednesday.]

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After 56 years' service—the last 28 as Chairman of the Company—Mr. A. E. Parkinson hands over this year to Mr. F. V. Osborne, with Mr. A. W. Robinson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Parkinson has accepted an invitation to become the first President of the Company.

Year ended 31st December	1967	1968	1969	1970
Profit before Tax	£65,984	£67,383	£923,274	£926,014
Taxation	£394,079	£402,737	£440,000	£378,721
Net Profit	£455,905	£472,048	£483,274	£448,285
Dividends on Ordinary Stock (pence)	£101,884	£197,654	£203,643	£216,822
Capital and Reserves	£4,017,070	£4,320,600	£4,654,093	£5,276,800

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Midland news at Taylor Wood.

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A party was given by the Golders Green Friendship Club for Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Domb on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mrs. Domb founded the club 21 years ago.

A large congregation attended a Sabbath kiddush in honour of the Rev. J. Davidson on his appointment as chief minister of West Hackney Synagogue. Mr. A. Markovitch, president, mentioned the 40 years' service that Mr. Davidson had given the synagogue, and a presentation was made. Mr. Markovitch, chairman of the ladies' guild, presented the minister with a certificate for trees to be planted in Israel in his name.

A "good-as-new" shop manned by the New West End Women's Zionist Society realised over £430, and a strawberry tree, in aid of Jewish Women's Week 2220. The guest speaker was Mrs. Leila Wynne.

At a musical soirée held by Kingsbury Synagogue ladies' guild at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Colemann, about £70 was raised. Half the proceeds will assist child resettlement in Israel.

At a brains' trust held by the Waltham Forest branch of the League of Jewish Women in the hall of the Highgate Park & Chingford Synagogue, the panel comprised Mr. Norman Tebbit, MP, Mrs. Ruth Winstanley, Mr. Dennis Feinstein and Mr. Alex Parfitt. Mrs. Edith Noble presided.

The East Ham, Manor Park Synagogue ladies' charity guild held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis and raised £10 for the joint Palestine Appeal.

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# Mrs Meir castigates social evils

From our Correspondent—Jerusalem

"No one is entitled to deny that poverty exists in Israel. We must not put up with this situation. We would be false to ourselves if we became accustomed to it and regarded it with complacency," Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier said in the Knesset on Wednesday. But, she continued in the course of a lengthy statement on

social services and spread depression among the public.

Calling for "self-restraint on the part of all of us—first and foremost those of us who stand on the highest rungs of the salary ladder," Mrs Meir said that without it the Government could not, "as it with a magic wand," meet all demands, eradicate poverty, not impose taxes, win wars, absorb immigration and develop the economy.

It was "the supreme effort of the people and Government of Israel" which had achieved "progress in housing, education and the health services," Mrs Meir stated. This progress had been maintained even though Israel had "never had one day free from anxiety over her security and survival."

Moreover, everything had been done "in the midst of actual warfare and periods of incidents and terror between wars."

Mrs Meir then looked at the other side of the picture. While there was poverty in Israel, there was also wealth. Some people were living above the standards the country could afford, she declared.

"I am not preaching return to the atmosphere of days gone by and past concepts of dress and entertainment, but I must warn against the gap between a life style is taking root in Israel . . . and our real national economic capacity. This is a dangerous and ominous gap."

There were people by no means at the bottom of the economic ladder whose use of the strike weapon to improve their situation could paralyse the country's most

basic needs. The best petrol Israel can offer, 94-octane, now costs 37½ per gallon.

Finance Ministry officials insist that what they have done is to bring Israel's fuel prices into line with world prices. The increases should not be regarded as new taxes, they say.

But, new taxes or not, the increased fuel oil prices have already pushed up other prices.



Mrs Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, lays roses on grave of Mrs Paula Ben-Gurion, while Mr David Ben-Gurion looks on. Mrs Ben-Gurion is buried in the Negev settlement of Sde Boker, where her husband lives

## Doctors refuse to operate

From our Correspondent  
Jerusalem

Doctors will refuse to operate on some patients who have already been admitted to Government hospitals. This is the latest move in their campaign which opened a fortnight ago to achieve pay parity with their colleagues in Kupat Cholim (the Sick Fund of the Labour Federation).

The country's health services are severely hit by the doctors' protest and the strike by administrative staff in Government and Kupat Cholim hospitals.

Employees of the Jerusalem Religious Council, including ritual slaughterers and marriage registrars, have stopped work in support of their demands for parity of pay with their Tel Aviv colleagues.

## Girls planned to destroy hotels

From our Correspondent  
Tel Aviv

Three girl "tourists" were found guilty by a military court here on Tuesday of attempting to smuggle explosives into Israel in order to blow up a number of hotels. Sentences will be announced later.

Two of the girls, Nada and Marlene Bordal, aged 20 and 21 respectively, Moroccan-born sisters living in Paris, admitted the charges. The third, Evelyn Bar, 26, a German-born French citizen, denied them.

Police said that the three girls concealed explosives and timing devices in their bras and luggage when they arrived from Brussels in April. They had forged French passports and were acting on orders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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## Belgium gives support to Vatican

From our Correspondent  
Jerusalem

Mr Pierre Harmel, the Belgian Foreign Minister, arrived in Israel for a three-day visit on Monday evening and had his first talks on Tuesday morning with his Israeli counterpart, Mr Abba Eban. The two Ministers had a general discussion on the Middle East and related problems.

Mr Harmel's interest seems to lie much more in Jerusalem and the Arab refugees than in an interim Suez Canal settlement. He had a meeting with King Hussein last week and the Jordanian monarch is understood to have pressed the issue of Jerusalem's future as the key to a settlement with Israel.

Belgium's Roman Catholic Government is believed to share the Vatican's view that Israel should not be left in overall control of the Holy City.

Our Paris correspondent reported: Western diplomatic sources in the French capital say that Jordan has discreetly circulated a "working paper" outlining her charges against Israel concerning Jerusalem.

It is believed that the paper contains the elements of a possible Security Council resolution strongly condemning Israel. Jordan is expected to file a complaint with the Security Council about what she terms Israel's "Judaization" of Jerusalem.

The sources said that the Americans are secretly discussing with the Jordanians a more softly-worded resolution.

## Mapam envoy holds talks with Chinese

From our Correspondent

An Israeli journalist who is regarded as the Mapam representative in Paris, Mr Eli Ben-Gal, has admitted establishing "personal" contact with members of the Chinese Embassy staff here, though the Embassy has denied this.

Mr Ben-Gal, the Peria correspondent of New Outlook, said that he had first established contact with junior Embassy officials in 1968. He continued: "Last Saturday I met Chinese Embassy officials of the same rank without any commitment on either side and on a purely private basis.

"We discussed world developments, including the Middle East. Since I have a high personal regard for the achievements of Chinese Communism, my hosts conducted the conversation as Chinese Communists, not as members of the Embassy."

The Israeli journalist said that he tried to clear up what he described as a China's "misunderstanding" of Israel. Israel's struggle for her own national liberation was not in contradiction to the Palestinians' own fight, Mr Ben-Gal said.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said that the report was "pure fabrication." He added: "There has been no contact with any representative of our country."

Our Jerusalem Correspondent writes:

Official sources here have been

## Dayan's arms warning

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extended the ceasefire but at the same time he has set the end of this year as the deadline for war or peace.

His timing is believed to have been deliberately intended to coincide with the arrival in Israel of Mr Sisco. The Egyptian leader clearly wanted to create an atmosphere of crisis. Egyptian press and radio announcements that their forces have been placed on a "full combat alert" are seen in Jerusalem as part of the same campaign.

However, it is being emphasised here that Jerusalem will not be provoked into making concessions. Most Ministers share the view that Israel has lost nothing by her present policy of sitting tight and that it is the Egyptians—who have so much to gain from a Canal settlement—who must demonstrate a more reasonable approach.

Our Washington Correspondent writes:

Mr Sisco is hoping to narrow the gap between Israel and Egypt for an interim Canal settlement.

He is encouraged by what are considered here the moderate

speeches by President Sadat at this week's congress of the Arab Socialist Union. Mr Sisco has also been heartened by the reverses inflicted on extremist Arabs in Morocco, Jordan and the Sudan.

President Numeiry's successful counter-coup in Sudan has strengthened Mr Sisco's argument that the Russians are by no means securely in control anywhere in the Middle East and that active USA diplomacy is required to exploit the differences between the Soviet Union and her Arab clients.

The Russians are said to be worried by the possibility of an anti-Communist front in the Middle East led by Saudi Arabia and Libya.

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